BEFORE THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF)		
CLOSING A PORTION OF THE)		
UNIT 62 ARCHERY SEASON)	Order	06-46

On September 8, 2006 Governor Risch issued Executive Order 2006-32 proclaiming an imminent threat to the health of wild elk herds, the public, and public and private property because of the escape of domestic elk from Rex Rammel's Conant Creek facility. The Executive Order requires the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to promulgate emergency rules or proclamations to allow licensed hunters and affected private landowners to take, possess, and consume escaped domestic elk.

Pursuant to the Executive Order and authority under Idaho Code, Section 36-106(e) and Section 25-3705A, the Director issued Order #06-43 directing an emergency depredation elk hunt be implemented to meet requirements of the Governor's Executive Order. The emergency depredation elk hunt will begin September 19th and run through October 14th. Department staff and members of the public have determined a significant public safety concern exists with overlapping an emergency depredation elk hunt, using rifles, with an on-going archery-only season.

AREA DESCRIPTION: Fremont County Idaho, all Forest Service land in Big Game Management Unit 62 south of Fall River and north of Bitch Creek and all private land in Big Game Management Unit 62 within the following boundary; south of Anderson Road (1100 N), east of 4700E, north of Coyote Meadows Road (700 N) and west of the Forest Service boundary.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the archery-only season within the above described area be closed effective September 19, 2006.

DATED this 15th day of September 2006.

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